

Columbus Air Force Base, Miss

Assignment process upgrades for officers

1st Lt. Joseph Coslett Public affairs

Columbus AFB officers listened to the Air Forcewide Force Development message Nov. 19 at the the-

"We are on the verge of a significant improvement in the way we make decisions on education and assignments for Air Force officers," said Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, Tyndall

Force Development is the series of experiences and challenges, combined with the education and training opportunities, that develop officers as airmen and as

The Air Force has highly competent officers, however, development has often been by chance, General New said. Force Development will provide officers with a wider perspective and development will be deliberate — "better preparing you for tomorrow's Air

The Force Development framework is divided into

- ☐ Tactical level gaining knowledge and experience in primary skill combined with educational and leadership training experiences.
- ☐ Operational level continued widening of experience and increased responsibility within a related family of skills.
- ☐ Strategic level challenges to gain breadth of experience and leadership perspective.

To project the officers down the right vector, the assignment process is undergoing a transformation. Today's developmental process only involves the officers, their chains of command and the Air Force Personnel Center assignment teams.

The new assignment will take the same inputs but will add vectors from career field leaders to better prepare them for the future.

"The system focuses the right person, at the right place and time, with the skills, knowledge and experience needed to effectively lead teams and accomplish their assigned missions," General New said. "These changes will leave less of your development to 'chance' and will respect the use of your valuable

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Santa's lil' helper

David Morgan, Bike Tech employee, assembles a toy fire engine in the exchange foyer. The exchange opens at 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday for special after-Thanksgiving Day sales.

Airmen attend commissioning brief

Airman 1st Class Boto Best Public affairs

Sixteen airmen and NCOs attended a mass commissioning briefing Nov. 18 at the education center.

Officers briefed enlisted members on the different options available for becoming an officer in the United States Air Force.

Enlisted members can go through Air Force ROTC, the Air Force Academy, Commissioned Officer Training School or Officer Training School.

First Lt. Ellen Kowalchuk, a 2000 Group executive officer.

graduate of the Academy, briefed the airmen and NCOs on how to apply to the Academy, academic degrees offered and basic cadet training. She four years of cadet life.

Commissioned Officer Training School is another option for airmen wishing to become chaplains or go into the medical and legal professions.

"It's different from other commissioning programs because you get commissioned before going in," said 1st Lt. Michelle Jones, 14th Medical

Training involves five weeks of academics, military customs and courtesies and physical conditioning.

Those interested in pursuing this also shared her experiences during her tract can contact a medical services recruiter. Applicants must have a fourvear degree. A master's is not required but gives applicants a competitive

> Second Lt. Brian Hurley, contracting officer, advised the group on the option of going through Officer Training

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Mission Report

As of today

The mission report is unavailable due to the holiday.

Flying hours: Monday to Wednesday: 6:30 a.m.-5:50 p.m.; Dec. 4 to Dec. 5: 6:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.

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"OTS boards use the 'whole person' concept when selecting individuals for admission," he said.

Qualities they look for include academics, accomplishments and leadership ability.

Lieutenant Hurley explained that the process is very thorough, but advised applicants to prepare and stay posi-

"I highly recommend this avenue as a commissioning source to any prior enlisted member. It's not easy, but it's programs they want to pursue. worth it when it's done."

Airman 1st Class Stephen Bonner, 41st Flying Training Squadron, said the Airman Education and Commissioning Program caught his attention.

"I was thinking about becoming an officer, and the briefing helped me figure out exactly what I need to do," Airman Bonner said. "The AECP allows me to remain on active duty while I go to college."

Airman Nita Crawford, 14th Flying Training Wing, call Ext. 2563.

went to the briefing to explore her

"It really helped a lot, especially having officers come in who had actually been through the programs and knew what they were talking about."

Having received all of the information the briefers had to offer, these airmen now have to decide whether they want a commission or not and what

"The application process is very extensive," said Tara Andrews, education specialist, who guides applicants through the process. "You really have to be committed to it."

The briefings are held quarterly.

For more information about these programs or the application process,



First Lt. Michelle Jones, 14th Medical Group, briefed on the Commissioned Officer Training School at the education center.

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The old preference worksheet will be replaced with the Transitional-Officer Development Plan.

The new worksheet will still have an area to put immediate assignment preferappropriate time in your career to prepare ences, but it will also have new fields to describe long-term career intentions. It provides two-way communication between officers, their leaders and their developmental teams.

amount of people looking at your career," said Lt. Col. Keith McCoy, 14th Medical Group. "It helps you guide your career while keeping the interest of the Air Force."

Professional Military Education is evolving into Developmental Education.

"Our focus now is providing the appropriate educational opportunities at the you for developmental assignments and future leadership roles," General New Joint Military Intelligence College are Development efforts to include our

The framework for Developmental Education matches the three Force "The new worksheet increases the Development levels. Basic Develop-mental Education is tactical level education to provide the common leadership foundation officers required — Aerospace Basic Course and Squadron Officer School are

Education is the operational level to pre- the Air Force at the same time. pare officers for their future duties, which could include command opportunity or developmental assignment.

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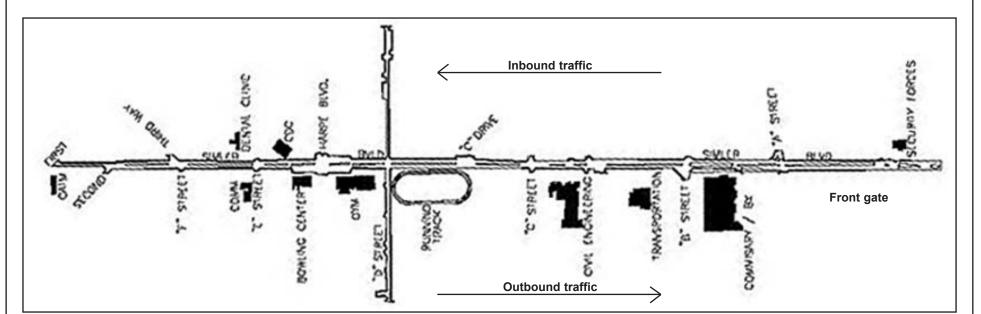
broadening an officer's awareness of issues facing the Air Force, Department evolves." of Defense and National Security.

"It's good to see the Air Force is matching education to experience," www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afas.)

examples. Intermediate Developmental Colonel McCoy said. "It helps you and

General New recapped the meeting by stating this is just the beginning. "Stay tuned, there is more to come. You will see Air Command and Staff College and the Air Force expand the current Force enlisted, civilian and reserve forces in the Strategic Development Education is future. I encourage you to get involved in strategic level education focusing on this process by letting us hear your insights and experience as the process

> (Editor's note: For more information visit www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/fd or



Simler construction

Construction on Simler Boulevard begins Monday and is scheduled to be completed in spring of 2004. Traffic will be routed into the 14th Security Forces Squadron side of the street. Once that side is done, traffic will be routed to the other side of the street. Construction will also be completed on D Street by the fitness and sports center. More updates will be published in the Silver Wings when available. For more information, call Ext. 7944.

Power Outage

A power outage is Friday at the fitness and sports center.

The fitness center will only be open from 10 a.m. to dusk, however, only the gym area can be utilized. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Winterization

Family housing occupants must ensure their homes are winterized by housing maintenance before they depart during the cold-weather season.

The occupant is responsible for damage if precautions are not taken. Hard freeze action notices are placed at the entrances to each housing area.

Call Ext. 7370 several days before the departure date to schedule an appointment.

Records freeze

The National Archives and Records Administration has imposed a nation-wide freeze on the destruction of all Department of Air Force records

Please ensure that no official records in your possession, custody or control, to include office holdings, are destroyed.

For more information, call Katrina Watkins at Ext. 7301

Commander's call

The 14th Flying Training Wing commander's call is at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Leaders give back during Dormsgiving

1st Lt. Joseph Coslett Public affairs

Commanders, first shirts and supervisors came together to give back to the airmen that serve them so well during this year's Dormsgiving at the chapel annex Nov. 20.

"It's good to see the support for those who can't be home for the holidays," said Airman Troy Teigen, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron.

Single and unaccompanied people of the BLAZE team feasted on turkey and every other dish imaginable as Columbus AFB leadership served them a Thanksgiving dinner.

"All the food smelled and looked great," said Airman Teigen. "Choosing what to and what not to eat was a hard

The volunteers fed more than 140 people and the rest was

donated to the Mark Mitchell Shelter in Columbus.

Col. David Armstrong, 14th Medical Group commander, said events like this makes him feel like part of an extended

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Colonel Armstrong, along with other commanders, switched roles for one night to give back to their troops.

"I think all the young airmen do an outstanding job for our team. It is a privilege to give back some Thanksgiving food to let them know we care," said Maj. Bryan Stokstad, 14th Comptroller Flight commander. "I'm here by choice."

The event has been going on for years and continues to grow

"This is my third one and it gets better every year," said Senior Airman Richard Durstine, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron. "Its really nice to see my chain of command showing their appreciation by serving us food."



Master Sgt. Kevin Hawks, 14th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, Col. David Armstrong, 14th Medical Group, serve Senior Airman Angelo Guillory, 14th Operations Support Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Joel Johnson, 14th OSS, at the Dormsgiving.

One-stop customer service arrives for pay, personnel issues

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER to determine which agency handles a partic-

— A one-stop customer service phone number and Web page are up and running, linking several call centers and online resources Air Force people use when managing personnel and pay information.

A single phone number and a companion Website now make it easier for Air Force active-duty and reserve component military, as well as U.S. appropriated fund civilian employees to find what they need quickly, officials said.

Customers can find answers to questions by calling toll-free (800) 616-3775 or visiting www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst. Until now the burden's been on Air Force people

ular issue before contacting customer ser- (TAC) (Technical support for applications Finance and Accounting Service-years in the vice by phone or on the web.

Customers will be able to access any of the following support services by using the new number and Website:

☐ Air Force Contact Center (General military personnel inquiries, including discrimination and sexual harassment concerns and assistance in navigating the vMPF applica-

☐ ARPC Denver (Air Force Reserve and Guard personnel inquiries)

☐ DFAS-Cleveland Contact Center (Air Force Military Pay Inquiries and assistance with the myPay application)

System, AFPC Secure and PC-III)

☐ AFPC Recruiting Service Center (Civilian appropriated fund job opportuni-

☐ AFPC Benefits and Entitlements Service Team (Civilian appropriated fund benefits and entitlements)

This latest evolution in customer self-service is the product of revolutionary cooperation between different agencies inside and outside of the Air Force, officials said.

"A substantial partnership between military and civilian personnel, Air Force finan-

☐ AFPC Technical Assistance Center cial services (military pay), and Defense such as vMPF, Assignment Management making-is making one-stop customer service possible," said James Short, the Air Force's deputy assistant secretary for financial operations (financial management).

Customers calling from international locations and hearing impaired employees should continue to dial the number they currently use to access support for personnel and/or pay matters, officials said. The new toll-free number should begin accommodating foreign area calls early next year, offi-

(AFPC is located at Randolph AFB,

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AETC commander sends Thanksgiving greeting

COMMENTARY

Gen. Don Cook AETC commander

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas —

Thanksgiving is a unique American holiday.

It is a special time for friends, family and neighbors to gather in fellowship, and to pause and give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us

We have much to be grateful for again this year: our

families, our health, our good fortune and, most of all, our It is the men and women in uniform, past and present, to

As members of the armed forces, each of us is keenly aware of the sacrifices it takes.

whom we have much to thank

We leave our families behind, missing first birthdays, 10th anniversaries and many special moments in our loved ones' lives. But, like our forefathers, we are comforted in knowing our contributions help protect this great nation. I salute you and express my heartfelt thanks for your continued service. This Thanksgiving, many of our service

members are once again far from home defending the very freedoms for which we are giving thanks. Let us keep them in our thoughts as we gather around the dinner table.

I also ask you to remember the families of our deployed members, our students, our basic trainees, our single service members and those members who may not be traveling home this holiday weekend.

Let us open our homes to them, as members of our extended Air Force family.

Diane and I wish you and your families a safe and joyous Thanksgiving celebration. God bless you all and thanks again for all you do.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of com-

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at https://columbusweb and the main website at www.columbus.af. mil.

Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Meal cards versus Basic Allowance for Substinance for airmen

uestion: I was wondering if there was any way that the amount of the meal deduction could be reduced for airmen in the dorms, or if Basic Allowance for Substinance could be an option. A lot of us are losing money because we don't eat \$211 worth of food at the dining facility monthly. As an airman, I can't afford to lose this money. I like the food there, but I feel like I am being forced to go to the dining facility because if I don't, then I will lose money. Some people don't eat as much as other people, others may be trying to lose weight, and some just may not like the food there. I know that the meal card is a benefit, but I know I could also be saving money if I were to spend the BAS as I wished on my food. I know that it's not likely that things will change, but if there is any chance of BAS becoming an option, we would be appreciative. Thank you for your time.

nswer: A unit commander is able to authorize BAS in lieu of a meal card if it is required to support mission requirements. Factors such as location of a member's residence, specialized duties, such as band, recruiting, chauffeur, or orderly, working hours, dining facility capacity, and distance to the facility determine whether payment of BAS is warranted. Our local Columbus AFB finance office is not authorized to reduce the amount of the meal deduction. You can, however, request approval to reduce the amount of meal deductions by submitting a request to: HQ USAF/DPRC, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-1040. Thanks for checking on this important enlisted issue. Please let your commander know how it is working for you and the wing.

Col. Steve Schmidt 14th Flying Training Wing commander

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AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass

10:30 a.m. — CCD

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship 1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Tuesday

Noon — Lunch and Bible study Wednesday

5:30 p.m. — Dinner and Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

Friday

"Good Boy" (PG, for some mild crude humor, 100 min.)

Starring: Molly Shannon and Liam

Saturday

"Beyond Borders" (R, language and war-related violence, 128 min.) Starring: Angelina Jolie and Clive

Dec. 5

"The Texas Chainsaw Massacre' (R, strong bloody violence/gore, language and drug content, 100 min.)

Starring: Jessica Biel and Jonathan

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories

Call public affairs for more information at Ext. 7068.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Air Force Television News

Monday through Dec. 5

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. College Level Examination

> Program Tapes: **English Composition**

FAMILY SUPPORT

mation, call Ext. 2839.

Computer programs: Self-paced com-

puter study programs in Word, Excel,

Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher,

FrontPage and PhotoDraw are available at

the family support center. For more infor-

Holiday Stress: A seminar on dealing

with holiday stress is from 11 a.m. to

12:15 p.m. Dec. 3 at the family support

The event helps people evaluate traditions

and situations that cause stress for families

during the holidays and gives tips to lessen

the stress. People must register by Dec. 1.

Self-esteem: A seminar on self-esteem

in women's lives is from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 3

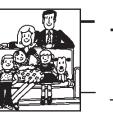
The event will explain how to build self-

People must register by Dec. 1. For

For more information, call Ext. 2790.

at the family support center.

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BASE **N**OTES



Travel office: The commercial travel office is closed Thursday and Friday.

If people have ticketing needs, ensure they are taken care of before the holiday. Emergency ticket services are available by calling (800) 639-0689. For more information, call Ext. 2684.

Education center: The education center has new testing times for College Level Examination Programs at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and at 6 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays.

After Sunday, the education center will no longer be able to CLEP the following subjects: college mathematics, English composition, natural science, history of the United States I and II, principles of accounting and Spanish. For more information, call Ext. 2563.

Thrift shop: The thrift shop is changing its hours effective Dec. 2. The hours



Medical opinionmeter

Staff Sqt. Thomas Gould, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, and Col. David Armstrong, 14th Medical Group commander, talk about the new "Opinionmeter" in the clinic. The survey takes about three minutes to complete and will be moved often to high traffic areas in the clinic to get the best results from its customers. For more information, call Ext. 2191.

are 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted one hour before closing. The thrift shop is closed Nov. 21 and Nov. 25. and Dec. 22 to Jan 4. It reopens Jan. 6. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 434-2954.

Happy Wrap: The Happy Christmas Fund annual Happy Wrap needs volunteers to help wrap and transport from the exchange and to downtown Dec. 10. For more information or to volunteer, call 434-5165.

OSC social: The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club's next social is at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9. A buffet is served for \$11.50. Columbus Club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are always welcome. Reservations are due by noon Dec. 2. For more information, call 434-8723 or email airtex60@yahoo.com

Cookie drive: The Annual Base Holiday Cookie Drive is Dec. 15. People can drop off cookies, brownies, fudge or any other confectionary goods to the Columbus Club from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., or cookies that can be frozen can be dropped off Dec. 8 at 7402 Jackson Circle. Volunteers are needed to help pack and deliver the goods to single unaccompanied personnel. For more information, call 434-6866.

LEAD: The Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program deadline is Jan. 31, 2004. The program delegates commanders the authority to nominate exceptional airmen with less than six years of service for an appointment to the Air Force Academy. The Academy has 50 slots for the Academy Prep School. To learn more about how to put a package together, call Ext. 2563.

Scout information: The Girl Scout's mother-daughter sleepover is Dec. 5 at the vouth center. For more information. call Latova Marble at Ext. 2504.

The Boy Scouts have a Basic Leader Training Camp at Camp Seminole Dec. 5 to Dec. 7. Anyone interested in working with a scouting program can sign up.

The Troop Court of Honor takes place at 7:00 pm Dec. 15 at the family support center. Scouts need to arrive at 6:00 pm. For more information, call Greg

Johnson at 343-5362.

Services brings a variety of activities to base

SERVICES SNAPSHOTS

Thanksgiving holiday hours: All services activities will be closed Thanksgiving day except for Magnolia Inn which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and the Cardinal Inn dining facility which is open from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Holiday hours for Friday are as follows: auto skills center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., bowling center open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Cardinal Inn open from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m., fitness center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., golf course from 7 a.m. to dusk, outdoor recreation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., library from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., skills development center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the youth center from 5 p.m. to midnight. All other services activities are

Golf pro shop sale: The Whispering Pines Golf Course pro shop offers a sale on all their merchandise starting Monday. Customers select their merchandise and go to the holiday tree to select their discount. Discounts range from five to 50 percent. Call Ext. 7932.

Youth shopping trip: The youth center offers a free trip to Barnes Crossing Mall in Tupelo, Miss. Dec. 6. Register by Dec. 3. Must have eight registered to offer. Call Ext. 2504.

Crafts classes: The skills development center offers youth and adult classes each month.

Participants must register at least four days in advance to ensure all supplies are on hand. Youth classes are offered at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.

on the day of the classes. Upcoming classes include making a gift for Dad Dec. 3

for \$5, a gift for Mom Dec. 10 for \$5 and make your choice of two ornaments Dec. 17 for \$4. Adult classes include making soda-can angels Tuesday,

a beaded Christmas safety pin Dec. 9 or crochet-thread angel ornaments Dec. 16. Cost for the December classes are \$5 each. Call Ext. 7836.

National Football League trips: The information, ticket and travel office offers two trips to New Orleans to watch the Saints play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Dec. 7 and the New York Giants Dec. 13.

Cost for each trip is \$99 per person and includes transportation, one night's lodging at the Radisson on Canal Street and a ticket to the game. Bus will leave the community center on Saturday at 9 a.m. and return Sunday evening. Call Ext. 7861.

Volunteers needed: The youth center needs 20 volunteer Santa helpers to serve food and usher guests during the annual breakfast with Santa from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Dec. 13. Volunteers will need to arrive at the youth center by 7:30 a.m. Call Ext. 2504.

Free Squadron Bowling Parties: The bowling center offers two free hours of bowling for an official squadron function anytime between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Shoe rental is 75 cents per person, if needed. There is no limit as to how many times a sign language. squadron takes advantage of this free offer but it must be



Shelley Vanderplas, framer, secures the backing while framing a picture. The skills development center frame shop and engraving shop guarantee Christmas delivery for all orders placed by Dec. 8. Call Ext. 7836.

reserved in advance with the bowling center staff. Call Ext. 2426.

Ski the Smoky Mountains: Register by Jan. 9 at the information, ticket and travel office for this trip Jan. 17 to Jan. 19 to Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Cost is \$199 and includes transportation, two night's lodging, lift tickets and rentals. If a person does not fries and a drink for only \$3.95 for members. require rentals, cost is \$170 per person or for those nonskiers, cost is \$125. A deposit of \$50 is required upon registering. Call Ext. 7861

Mardi Gras trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to New Orleans Feb. 14 to Feb. 16. Cost is \$165 per person and includes transportation, two nights lodging at the Holiday Inn. A deposit of \$50 is required when registering. Call Ext. 7861.

Youth instructional classes: The youth center offers Ext. 2426. the following instructional classes; karate, voice lessons, tumbling tots, guitar lessons, tennis lessons, dance and

Call Ext. 2504.

Quick shot bingo: The bowling center offers quick shot bingo anytime the bowling center is open. Cash prizes. Cards are \$1 each.

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The "Happy" Burger: Stop by the Columbus Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays and take advantage of the best lunch deal on the base. Order a Happy Burger, Nonmembers pay \$5.95. An ala carte menu is also available along with a take-out service. Call Ext. 2489.

Football Frenzy: Enter to win in the club's Football Frenzy program. The enlisted lounge is open Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m. The prizes include tickets to the Super Bowl and a Pro Bowl game. For details, stop by the club.

Breakfast bagels: The bowling center adds bagels to their menu starting Monday. Cost is 75 cents each. Call

All-ranks brunch: The Columbus Club offers this brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$8.95 for members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

AROUND TOWN

Christmas recital: The advent season is greeted with a recital at 4 p.m. Nov. 30 at Starkville's First United Methodist

The recital features a classical guitarist Michael Patilla.

The program is part of the Mississippi State University Faculty Artist Series, and is free to the public.

Columbus parade: The annual Christmas Parade through historic down-public. town Columbus begins at 7 p.m. Dec. 1.

The parade starts on College Street and 2686 loops down to Main Street.

The parade is open to the public. For more information, call 328-4491 or 328-

Trees of Christmas: The Columbus Dec. 6 to Dec. 7. Public Library displays "Trees of Christmas" from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31. The handmade decorations represent literary Main Street and is free to the public. and musical themes.

Exhibits depicting the holiday season are on display from elementary students, private collections, and garden and community clubs.

library is located at 314 7th Street North. 2110. For more information, call 329-5300.

Driving tours: The self-guided driving tours by decorated historic homes are Dec. 1 to Dec. 31.

Brochures with maps are available at Lock and Dam East bank. the Columbus Welcome Center for the houses decorated in Antebellum and Victorian eras. The tours are free to the

For more information, call (800) 327-

Singing tree: The singing Christmas tree with 100 voices along with a community orchestra and 6,400 twinkling lights is at 7 p.m. Dec. 5, 5 and 7 p.m.

at First United Methodist Church on

For more information, call 328-5252.

Arts and crafts show: The Indoor tion, free gift wrapping and a toy store for Holiday Arts and Crafts show is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Lake Lowndes State

Boat parade: The 20th Annual Christmas on the Tenn-Tom Water way is at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Columbus Lake. The lighted boat parade is at the Stennis

The event is free to the public and is sponsored by the Golden Triangle Boat Owners Association.

Christmas shoes: A play by Wesley United Methodist Church, "Christmas Shoes," is at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Christian life center. Admission for the hour-long show is free. For more information, call 328-8644.

The 30-foot "living" Christmas tree is Christmas Festival is open and free to the and \$10 for adults. public Dec. 14.

The even features three-fully staged outdoor drama scenes, two outdoor musical programs each night, a hospitality staneedy families.

The event is at First Baptist Church of Center.

The displays are free to the public. The Park. For more information, call 328- Columbus at 202 7th Street North. For more information, call 328-3915.

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Kids extravaganza: The Christmas Kids Extravaganza starring young Columbus artists is at 6 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University of Women's campus.

Admission is \$5 per person, and children under 12 years old are free.

For more information about the extravaganza, call 328-2787.

Children's theatre: "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is performed by the Columbus Players, a children's theatre. Performances are at 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 20 in the Rent Auditorium at the Mississippi University for Women's cam-**Christmas festival:** The Columbus pus. Tickets are \$5 for children under 12

> Antebellum home tours: The Columbus Historic Foundation sponsors antebellum home tours daily.

For more information, call 329-3533 or visit the Tennessee Williams Welcome

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SPORTS Silver Wings Nov. 26, 2003

Flag football standings

Losses

The following are the intramural standings as of Wednesday.

SHORTS

Teams

Tweets

14th OSS

48th FTS

14th SFS

14th CS

14th CONS

14th MDG

14th MSS

14th CES #2

14th CES #1

Indoor soccer registration Spin class

Indoor soccer registration begins Saturday and lasts until Dec. 15.

Cost is \$25 for players. Participants center. must have a current physical on file or instructors are needed. Call Ext. 2503. 2772.

Wins

Standings

not available

due to the

holiday.

Spin classes are at 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the fitness and sports

The class is a one-hour self-paced more out of their workout. For more obtain one prior to the start of the season. training session of sprinting, resistance A late charge of \$10 will be assessed if climbing and jogging all on a stationary signed up after Dec. 15. Volunteer bike. For more information, call Ext.

Aerobics classes ranging from beginning step, kickboxing, spinning and yoga are offered every week at the fitness and sports center.

workout routine or help a person get

Personal trainers

information, call Ext. 2773.

Aerobics classes

There are 15 different classes every

For information on class times, call the Ext. 2772 or stop by the center for a schedule.

Fitness 101

People who want to get in shape but aren't sure how to use all the fitness and Fitness 101 class.

Personal trainers are available at the

The center shows people how to find their target heart rate and to use all of the fitness and sports center to spice up a

Classes are by appointment only. For more information, Call Ext. 2772.

Thursday scrambles

The Thursday afternoon scramble at Whispering Pines Golf Course begin at 4:45 p.m. Sign up by 4 p.m. each Thursday. Computer selects the teams. Entry is \$5 per person plus green fees for nonmembers

Body sculpting

A body sculpting class is at 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the fitness and sports center.

The one-hour non-aerobic class will help tone, shape and strengthen the mussports center's machines can schedule a cles. For more information, call Ext. 2772.